



March 18, 2018

Letter of Appeal  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket No. 02-6

**RE: APPEAL OF USAC’S DECISION TO REDUCE THE DISCOUNT  
PERCENTAGE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CALIFORNIA  
MONTESSORI PROJECT BILLED ENTITY NUMBER 16051262**

Entity Billed Entity Number Address	<b>California Montessori Project 16051262 5330-A Gibbons Dr, Suite 700 Carmichael, CA 95608</b>
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Application Number	<b>Form 471- Application #161061405</b>
Funding Request No.	<b>ALL</b>
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**APPEAL EXPLANATION:**

USAC’s Post-Commitment decision to reduce the discount percentage for all FRNs associated with 471 Application #161061405 was based on the following information:

*“During the entity/discount review of the sister application (161060818), the applicant didn’t provide all the documentation needed for 2 of the entities 16053733 and 16053735, therefore, the reviewer modified the discounts. The overall discount changed from 67% to 47%. The application you are questioning was already committed so the FCDL went out with the original discount but since the overall district discount changes across applications all the EPC screens will show as 47% which is what the reviewer validated”*

Per provided documentation, the third party data to validate the discount rates was provided for *ALL* entities in the California Montessori Project Consortium during the PIA review process for 471 Applications #161061405 and #161060818. The school nor the



consultant was contacted to request any additional third party data prior to the reduction in the discount percentage.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**

These documents are provided as evidence that the applicant attempted to submit within the FY2017 application window and that there was an EPC Issue.

**RFCDL Appeal 69739 Denial CALIFORNIA MONTESSORI PROJECT.xls**–  
USAC’s formal denial of the appeal.

**USAC re case notes 168057.pdf** – Explanation by USAC on the reduction of discounts. USAC Customer service responder also acknowledged that entity nor consultant were contacted to answer follow-up review questions before reduction was made.

#### **RELIEF SOUGHT THROUGH THIS APPEAL:**

I respectfully request that California Montessori Project’s discounts be readjusted back to 67% on all FRNS for Form 471 application #161061405. The school should minimally be allowed to respond to additional USAC questions.

Attached is the Letter of Agency for EdTechnologyFunds.

Sincerely,

Beverly Sutherland  
President – EdTechnologyFunds, Inc. (a division of The Sutherland Consulting Group)